

LAST EDITION.  
IN DAYS GONE BY.

Political Reminiscences of Some  
of New York's Well-  
Known Men.

John Nugent Relates the History of the  
Republican County Machine.

How the Organization Was Rescued from  
the Grasp of Tammany.

Johnny O'Brien's Memorable Con-  
test which Enlightened the  
Union League.

Ex-Coroner John R. Nugent, who now  
enjoys the lucrative restaurant privilege at  
the Barge Office, where he purveys to the  
incoming immigrants, is the Republican  
leader of the Fourteenth Assembly Dis-  
trict.

Mr. Nugent is a good talker, a cogent  
reasoner and a shrewd politician, who does  
not rainbow chase, and doubts the practi-  
cability of distilling sunbeams from cucum-  
bers.

But he reached the top notch in the Re-  
publican organization in his district  
through the efforts of the Union League, though  
he don't trace about it.

Like most of the men who run the po-  
litical machine, Mr. Nugent says that he  
has never had any exciting or interesting  
experience. He says it with that candid  
man-to-man air for which he is famous, and  
then smiles with benign happiness.

THE "BETTER ELEMENT" OF THE PARTY  
WAS DISMISSED.

Mr. Nugent is a man of the people. His  
employees at the Barge Office call him  
"John" or "Johnny." He is not an en-  
thusiastic man, but quiet and taciturn. He  
does not enjoy the sound of his own voice  
particularly, and when he speaks it is to  
express in the concrete his thought. He is  
about five and six inches tall, and is  
stocky and of florid complexion. Like  
most politicians, he wears a "high hat" on  
his ambrosial curls.

"I can tell you something of the history  
of the County organization of the Republi-  
can party for the past twenty years, if  
that'll be of any interest to EVENING WORLD  
readers," says Mr. Nugent, and while the  
Barge Office caterer is revelling with Frank  
Raymond in the everglades of Florida the  
readers may enjoy his story.

"You see, away back in Tweed's time  
the organization was badly demoralized.  
It was practically only an adjunct to the  
Democratic machine. It was dominated by  
Tweed. Police Commissioner Hank  
Smith was the boss of the local Republican  
party and President of the Police Board  
under the Tweed government. The leader  
in every one of the twenty-one Assembly  
Districts was a Tammany employee, prac-  
tically. Each held an office that was given  
him by Tammany, and of course all were  
practically Tweed's lieutenants.

"This was the state of affairs in 1871-3,  
when the final and decisive battle for  
supremacy was fought and won by Rovee  
Conkling from Reuben E. Fenton.

"Hank Smith was Gov. Fenton's chief  
lieutenant in New York City. There was  
much dissension among Republicans, and  
Col. George Bliss drafted a new constitu-  
tion for the county organization, and a  
committee, composed of one from each  
Assembly District, was appointed to reor-  
ganize the party.

"The majority of this Committee were  
not friendly to the Tweed-Smith regime,  
and the constitution finally adopted made  
an office-holder under any commission a  
majority of whom were Democrats ineligible  
to any office in any district organization, or  
membership in the County Committee or to  
be chosen delegate to any Convention.

League Club and the 'better element' of  
the party were dissatisfied.

"The year before, when Allan Campbell  
ran against Franklin Edson for Mayor, and  
the Democrats nominated Patrick Keenan  
for County Clerk, there was a 'people's  
movement,' and William A. Butler was its  
candidate against Keenan. The 'better  
element' desired that we endorse Butler,  
but Mr. O'Brien was put up, and of course  
Mr. Keenan was elected.

"Then it was that the 'better element'  
began to complain. They said that the  
leaders held their places by reason of a  
close corporation, and not by the votes of  
the majority of the party in the repre-  
sentative districts. They claimed that in this  
way John J. O'Brien had maintained his  
control of the county organization, had held  
on to the chairmanship of the County  
Committee, and had thus been able to force  
his own nomination for County Clerk.

"Mr. O'Brien went about among them,  
inquiring as to the cause for the discontent.  
He asked if there was any fault to find with  
Leader Michael W. Burns in the First Dis-  
trict, Dennis Shea in the Second, C. N.  
Taintor in the Third and so on through the  
whole list.

"How could they be bettered?  
"Finally he was induced to appoint the  
famous 'Committee of Eighteen,' to inspire  
the confidence of the Republican voters and  
formulate a plan of reorganization.

"Chairman O'Brien selected a committee  
composed of these very men, and they pre-  
sented another new constitution.

"By this constitution a new enrolment  
was to be taken, and then each year there-  
after there was to be a new enrolment of  
the Republicans in each Assembly district.  
Each district was given a representation in  
the County Committee proportionate to the  
Republican vote in the district at the last  
preceding election. At the primaries  
only enrolled Republicans were entitled to  
vote, and each primary was presided over  
by a Board of Inspectors elected at the pre-  
ceding primary.

"For this first primary it was provided  
that in each district there should be five  
enrolling officers, who should also be in-  
spectors at the primary. These five should  
be appointed by the Committee of Eighteen,  
and two of them should be selected from  
the existing district organization—that is  
the 'ins'—two from the 'outs' in the dis-  
trict, and one should be a member of the  
Union League and not a resident of the  
district.

"The plan was accepted and adopted by  
the County General Committee. By it the  
annual enrolments were decreed and all  
power vested in the enrolled men, who  
selected the members of the County Com-  
mittee and District Committees of forty  
members each.

"Well, sir, they held the primaries, and  
the candidate receiving a majority of the  
votes were seated by the Committee in  
every case.

"Then came a spirited canvass for the  
Chairmanship of the County General Com-  
mittee. The Union League and 'better  
element' pushed Mr. Marvle W. Cooper,  
now Appraiser of the Port by appointment  
of President Harrison.

"Such men as Elihu Root, Charles N.  
Taintor, now a Police Justice; Whitelaw  
Reid, Edward Mitchell and Prof. Dwight,  
supported Mr. Cooper, but O'Brien was  
re-elected after all.

"And that one exception, John? The  
district where the old leader was beaten—  
which was that?"

"Oh, that was the Fourteenth!" Then,  
abruptly and with hasty confusion: "Have  
another light for your cigar."

"The Fourteenth? Why, that's your  
district!"

"Yes, some changes up there. D'ye  
see how we serve up bologna and bread  
and coffee here?"

"What were those changes in the Four-  
teenth, John?" the reporter asked soberly  
and solemnly.

"Now don't let's go into that. I don't  
want to hurt anybody's feelings you know.  
I've told you the 'history.' The constitu-  
tion has been amended a good deal from  
time to time since 1884. Too many times I  
think. We spend more time fixing up the  
constitution than we do in endeavors to  
win elections."

Then, thrusting his hand into that of  
the visitor, Mr. Nugent bade him an effusive  
farewell and blithely rushed through a  
gate in the fence that separates the Poles  
from the Italians and the Germans from  
the Milesians at the Landing Bureau. The  
gate had a spring-lock, and John Nugent  
got away without finishing the story.

Here is what he didn't say: In that con-  
test of 1883, John R. Nugent got the ma-  
jority of the votes in the Fourteenth Dis-  
trict Primary, and Coroner John H. Brady,  
was beaten. Mr. Nugent has held the  
leadership ever since.

ON FIRE FOR MILES.

Startling Sequel to the Mine Explosion  
at New Castle, Col.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)  
DENVER, Feb. 4.—There is a startling  
and serious sequel to the coal mine explosion at  
New Castle.

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CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note Book and Docket.

Investigating a Mysterious Fire.  
Fire Marshal Lewis, of Brooklyn, is to-day  
investigating a mysterious fire, which was  
discovered at midnight in the three-story  
brick building, 85 Wallabout street. The  
building was occupied by Theodore Sathoff,  
a manufacturer of toys, and John Calhoun,  
maker of bamboo goods. A policeman saw a  
man run out of the place just as the smoke  
came from the upper window.

The O'Brian's in Police Court.  
The O'Brian family, who run a saloon at 254  
East Broadway, were held for examination in  
Essex Market Court this morning, together  
with George Miller and Adam Marowski, of  
100 Essex street, on complaints of robbery  
and assault preferred by two young men,  
brothers of the O'Brian family.

Caught Sneaking the Cash.  
John McMahon, age 30 years, who is held  
for trial in Jersey City, having been caught  
in the act of taking money from the cash regis-  
ter at John J. Duffy's saloon and pool-room,  
at 26 Newark avenue.

Fire Department Help Refused.  
The Zelipha and Teneyk planing mills and the  
Spiral Weld Rubber Company's works adjoin-  
ing, which are close to the Newark boundary  
line, were burned out this morning, the New-  
ark Fire Department refusing to help.

Broke a Bartender's Head.  
At the Tombs, to-day, John Gilroy, of 127  
West street, was remanded until Bartender  
Michael Hyman, of Flynn's saloon, at 20  
Bowery, can appear against him. Gilroy  
broke a beer glass and Hyman's head, at the  
same time, last night.

Fired a Pistol at Starter Noonan.  
Frank Carr was held for trial at Yorkville  
Court to-day for firing a pistol at Night Starter  
John G. Noonan, in the Third Avenue railroad  
depot last evening. Noonan has a slight  
wound on his chin.

Garvey Held for Trial.  
Bernard Garvey, of 23 Coldest street, Jersey  
City, was held this morning by Justice Welles  
charged with an attempted assault on fifteen-  
year-old Mary Kelly, who lives with her three  
brothers and a sister in a tenement in the Fourth  
Cove.

Millions in the Lead Trust.  
At the meeting of the National Lead Trust  
this morning the directors declared a dividend  
of 60 cents per share. The net yearly earnings  
were stated to be \$24,000,000.

Would-be Letter Carriers.  
About one hundred young men underwent  
the examination of candidates for appoint-  
ment as letter carriers to-day, in the examina-  
tion room on the top floor of the Post Office  
Building.

Found Someone's Lost Finger.  
John N. Bove, of 322 Third street, Jersey  
City, this morning picked up a human  
finger in the street near his residence. It is  
supposed to be one of the fingers blown from  
school-boy Louis Kuntz's hand by the explosion  
of a cartridge in the Erie Street  
Hotel.

It Bled a Success.  
The Hoboken Pioneer Club's annual ball at  
Old Fellows' Hall last evening, was attended  
by over a hundred and fifty people and was  
a big success. The hall was artistically and  
lavishly decorated.

A Little Schoolgirl's Fate.  
Mary Maddox, eight years old, of Sixty-sixth  
street and Eighth avenue, fell downstairs in  
the public school at Tenth Avenue and Seventy-  
seventh street, yesterday, and was seriously  
injured. She was taken home.

End of the Greyhound Show.  
The dogs exhibited at the National Grey-  
hound Club bench show, at the American  
House Exchange, yesterday, were removed  
this morning. There was no auction sale and  
no private sales were made.

A Sick Brooklynite Cared For.  
Charles D. Belmont, forty-five years old, of  
Six Avenue, Brooklyn, reported sick, and  
at the Twenty-second street police station,  
early this morning, and was sent to Bellevue  
Hospital.

He Was Broke H. B. Drexler.  
Despatches were received at the Imperial  
Hotel to-day which settled the identity of the  
broker who committed suicide there on Mon-  
day as H. B. Drexler, of New York. The name  
of J. J. Well was notified.

Died on His Cab.  
Hackman Vincent Bernoski was taken sud-  
denly sick while sitting on his cab in front of  
106 West Thirty-first street at 12:30 o'clock  
this morning, and died before an ambulance came.  
He was fifty-four years old and lived at 217  
East Thirty-eighth street.

Dr. Whitehead and Mrs. Geyer Held.  
Dr. Whitehead and Mrs. Geyer, who are  
charged with being concerned in the death of  
Christina Stahl by malpractice, were held at  
the Coroner's office to-day pending the in-  
quest.

Groceries Burned Up.  
The grocery store kept by Morris Goldman  
at 47 Eldridge street was damaged \$1,000 by  
fire at 5:30 o'clock this morning.

Too Much Fire for Cavanaugh.  
William Cavanaugh's dry-goods store at 88  
Riverside street caught fire at 1:15 o'clock this  
morning from an overheated stove, and \$500  
damage was done.

Casualty at a Hotel.  
Lizzie McDonald, a landlady at the Eastern  
Hotel, fell down stairs there this morning and  
broke her right arm.

NATIONAL AND STATE COMMITTEES OF  
THE POLITICAL PARTIES.  
In THE WORLD ALMANAC for 1891 the  
Democratic, Republican and Prohibition  
National Committees and the Chairmen  
and Secretaries of the Democratic and  
Republican parties in each of the States  
and Territories can be found.

CHECKMATE THE TROLLEY.

Huckleberry Road Enjoined from Using  
Names of Revoking Consenters.

Protesting Citizens at the Hearing  
Before the Railroad Commission.

Residents of the Twenty-third and Twenty-  
fourth Wards crowded the rooms of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce this morning to protest  
against the granting of permission to the Har-  
lem bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railroad,  
valiantly known as the "Huckleberry" road,  
to change its motive power to the electrical  
overhead or trolley system.

Among those present were Commissioner  
Heister, of the Twenty-third and Twenty-  
fourth Wards, against the application, and  
Alderman Lynch, of the Twenty-fourth Ward,  
in favor of it.

The Railroad Commission was to grant a  
hearing on the application of the railroad com-  
pany to make such a change.

It had obtained, in accordance with law, the  
consent of owners of one-half in value of the  
property along a line, and, in addition, the  
right from the Board of Municipal Control  
to erect poles and string wires in the streets for  
the operation of the system.

This consent was granted by Mayor Grant  
and Commissioners Heister and Moos, notwith-  
standing the loud protests of citizens and prop-  
erty owners, who they had been duped; and they  
had signed consents under the impression  
and with the understanding that the company  
was to introduce a cable system in the opera-  
tion of their lines.

Despite the color of consent by the local  
authorities given by this action of the Board of  
Municipal Control, the protests against the  
introduction of the dangerous and street-dis-  
figuring system proposed to checkmate the  
action of the "Huckleberry" people, if possi-  
ble.

Arthur C. Butts, a lawyer representing pro-  
testing property owners along Third Avenue,  
secured revocations of former consents from  
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SMALL COST.

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LARGE RESULTS.

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MAYOR CHAPIN WINS.

Ziegler's Water Works Injunction Dis-  
solved by Judge Dykman.

Lawyer Gaynor Refused to Ap-  
pear to Fix a Day for Trial.

Brooklyn City Officials Temporarily  
Free to Buy the Property.

When the case of William Ziegler against  
the Mayor, Comptroller and Auditor of Brook-  
lyn, to restrain them from purchasing the  
property and franchise of the Long Island  
Water Supply Company, was called this morn-  
ing before Judge Dykman in the Kings County  
Supreme Court, Brooklyn, Lawyer William C.  
Gaynor, representing Ziegler, was not in court.

Corporation Counsel Jenks, who is defend-  
ing the city officials, made a long address,  
which resulted in Judge Dykman voiding the  
injunction restraining the city authorities from  
completing the purchase. It is a temporary  
victory for the city officials.

Corporation Counsel Jenks read to the Court  
a telegram received from Mr. Gaynor as follows:  
"I decline to appear in the Supreme Court to discuss the fixing of  
a day for trial of the Ziegler case and will agree  
to go to court on the matter on Feb. 11. The case  
is not before the Court at all, the issue and  
being noticed for trial on Feb. 11. W. C. Gaynor."

"In answer to that telegram I must say  
reminiscent of his duty to be present, and  
saying: 'I am ready to fix a day and I request  
that you appear in court to-morrow that we  
may then agree, subject to the approval of the  
Court.'

"It was in hopes," continued Mr. Jenks,  
"that if the gentleman was ready and anxious  
to try the case he would come here and meet  
me in court. I am ready for trial and my  
witnesses are ready."

"The plaintiff does not dare try this case.  
I challenge him to try it. He has made in his  
address as perhaps not as brave as if he were  
here, but if he were here I would say it is  
his face."

As Mr. Jenks sat down, Judge Dykman said:  
"The plaintiff, Ziegler, can secure delay  
upon the amendment of his complaint only at  
the beginning of the term, and if the defend-  
ant is ready the plaintiff is entitled to a day  
by his amendment."

Mr. Jenks answered that he was ready.  
"The plaintiff has charged city officials with  
misconduct, or injudicious conduct," returned  
the Judge.

"I will dissolve the injunction," said Judge  
Dykman, "and will sign an order to that  
effect as soon as it is presented to me